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**4TH SUNDAY**

**4 PM**

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**11 AM**

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**1 PM**

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## Texas ABATE Confederation Inc.

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# Join Our TEAM

## 2023 STATE OFFICE OPENINGS

In accordance with Article IV – Corporate Elections, section A of the bylaws of (The) Texas ABATE Confederation, the following State positions will be open for nominations, July - September 2023:

- Coordinator (Executive Office)
- Secretary (Executive Office)
- Legislative (Administrative Office)

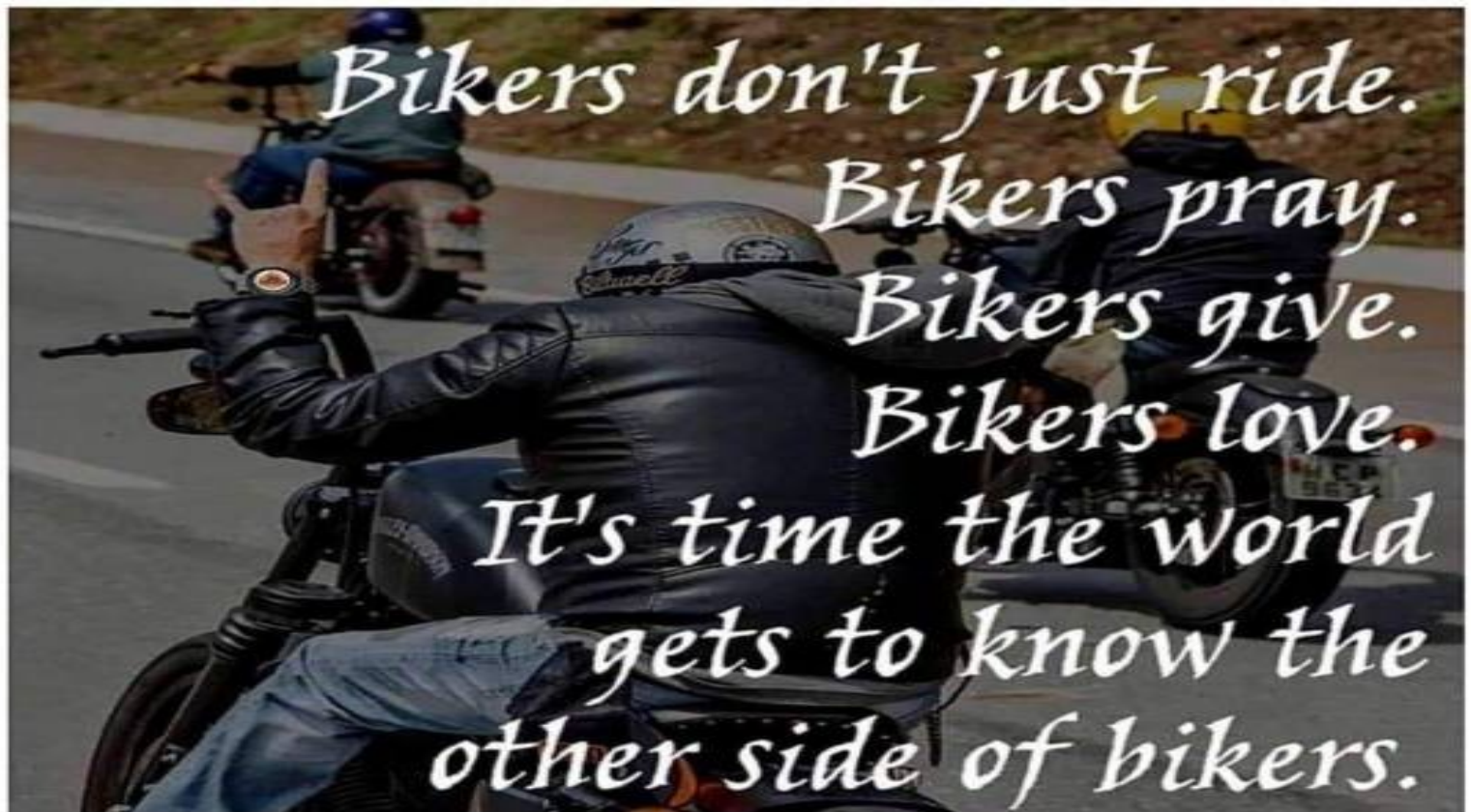
Remember, State positions are 2-year terms. For more detailed information regarding the duties of these offices see pages 12-14 of (The) Texas ABATE Confederation Bylaws.

Thanks,

Terri Davison

Assistant Coordinator

Texas ABATE Confederation



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Just yesterday, BMW directed its North American dealers to stop the sale of all new and used motorcycles. The directive only effects motorcycles using internal combustion engines. BMW electric motorcycles are not impacted by the order.

BMW stated that, *"This temporary stop sale is not safety related and BMW owners may continue to ride their motorcycles as normal."* The fact that the order is not related to safety and does not impact electric motorcycles has led to much speculation. One possible reason for the move by BMW could be emissions related. The focus on both new and used motorcycles hints that is a long-standing issue BMW is trying to address.

It's unclear how this order will impact BMW owners who may face recalls, or other maintenance situations. Regardless of the "temporary" status, being that this information focuses on "internal combustion engines" and offers electric motorcycles as a replacement, it certainly has our attention. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will track this developing story and update you as the more information becomes available.

**Motorcyclist Advisory Council Being Established!**  
**MRF Press Release September 25, 2023**

Monday morning, after nearly two years of delay, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the initial steps to establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC). In November of 2021, Congress passed, and President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Included in the law was reformation of the MAC.

The MAC will coordinate with and advise the Secretary of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists, including motorcycle and motorcyclist safety; barrier and road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

As stated in the announcement, "The MAC seeks to have a fairly balanced membership with expertise in motorcycle and motorcyclist safety, highway engineering, and safety analysis." Of the 13 seats open on the MAC, "One shall be a representative of a national motorcyclist foundation." The Motorcycle Riders Foundation looks forward to putting qualified candidates forward to fill not only this designated seat but other seats on the board as well.

Nominations are due by December 15, 2023. If you would like to read more about the MAC, its mission, and its membership [click here to read the full announcement from the Federal Register](#). The MRF would like to thank all lawmakers in Washington D.C. who fought for the creation and establishment of the MAC. Special thanks to the 13 Members of the House of Representatives who [sent this letter to USDOT in May](#).

The MRF will share more news on the MAC, its membership, future hearings, and findings in the coming months. As always Ride Safe and Ride Free!

# Independent<sup>TM</sup> CORNER

You can obtain the latest up to date information regarding our Texas ABATE Legislative Issues at the following Facebook page...

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*Terri Davison*

**Assistant Coordinator**

## **TEXAS STATE MEETING**

**OCTOBER 7th 1 PM**

**VFW POST 6111**

**1200 West Harris Rd. Arlington, TX**

### **Texas ABATE Membership**

As you know, membership is one of the key ingredients to sustaining Texas ABATE and without our members we would cease to exist. According to Merriam-Webster, the definition of membership is: 1) the state or status of being a member; 2) or the body of members. ABATE members are not only a state, status, or body of numbers; we are Texas constituents, voices and votes.

Help increase our Texas ABATE membership by signing up and sponsoring new members to join our organization. Use the recipe below to encourage individuals to join.

**S** – Sustainability...Assist in the growth of Texas ABATE membership

**U** – Understanding...Knowledge of what Texas ABATE stands for and our mission

**C** – Communications ...Maintain open communications

**C** – Cooperation...Cooperation is vital to achieving ideals and goals

**E** - Education...Promote compliance with the laws of Texas public roads & highways

**S** – Safety...Promote safety of both motorcyclists and motorists

**S** – SUCCESS...ACHIEVE favorable and desired outcome(s)

**Rober Crowdis**  
**Membership Officer**





# TEN MOTORCYCLE TIPS

## THAT COULD HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE.

#1



Of course you want your **HELMET** to look cool, but more important, your helmet should keep you safe. Make sure it is certified by the Department of Transportation and has eye protection.

#2



Take a motorcycle **TRAINING** course.

#3



Make yourself visible. Wear **BRIGHT** clothing and put **REFLECTIVE** decals on your motorcycle or clothing.

#4



Proper riding attire can help prevent serious road rash in case **YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT.**

#5



Keep everything in **GOOD** working order. That means checking your motorcycle's vitals before hitting the road.

#6



Take **WEATHER** into consideration. Chance of rain? Keep the chopper in the garage.

#7



Tailgating and weaving in and out of traffic may seem fun, but it's illegal and incredibly **DANGEROUS**. Who knows when a squirrel could pop out of nowhere causing that vehicle ahead of you to brake with little warning?

#8



A little bit of **COURTESY** goes a long way. Use your turn signals and keep your muffler noise to a reasonable decibel. When you ride, you're representing all motorcyclists.

#9



**READ THE OWNERS MANUAL.** Familiarize yourself with your bike. Know its ins and outs, the location of all of the controls and how it responds in different road conditions.

#10



For safety's sake, **PUT DOWN THE PHONE** and enjoy the fresh air and open road.

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4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.

5)... To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational, legislative, educational, and charitable activities



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# news

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# SUPPORT YOUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS





## An Educational Minute

Fall is a great time to put some miles on your bike and, with the cooler weather upon us, time to think about some warm weather gear. Here are a few things to consider when purchasing heated gear:

- Research your options (vests, full jacket liner, gloves, pants, socks)
- Consider what your bike's output can handle (most big bikes can handle the load but smaller bikes may only be able to handle the output at higher rpm's)
- Where will you store it? (only purchase what you have room for – you can always choose a vest over a full jacket if space is unavailable)
- Is the gear practical (will you wear the gloves, for example, if they are too bulky—maybe consider heated grips instead, are the socks too bulky for your boots, etc.)
- When you just can't shake the chill (stop off at your favorite coffee shop and meet some new or old friends :)

The  
One Minute  
EDUCATOR

## What Are the Odds?

U.S. drivers have a 1 in 164 likelihood of having a claim involving a collision with deer, elk or moose according to new claims data from State Farm®

In comparison, here are a few other similar likelihoods of interesting things happening:





# ARLINGTON ABATE

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OCT  
14

SHELLY'S FUN RUN

NOV  
19

BIKERS GIVING BACK TO  
ARLINGTON FIRE DEPT.



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EVERYWHERE







# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



## **H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act Passes the House!** **(MRF Press Release Thursday, September 14, 2023)**

On Thursday, September 14th, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act, with a final vote of 222 to 190. H.R. 1435 would amend the Clean Air Act to prevent a ban on the sale of internal combustion engines, effectively trumping any state law that prohibits their sale. 214 Republicans were joined by eight Democrats in favor of the bill, while no Republicans voted against it.

The Republican majority in the House of Representatives has been pushing back on policies supported by the Biden Administration and Democratic state governments aimed at restricting the sale of internal combustion engines. As Thursday's near party line vote demonstrates, this has become a highly partisan issue. The focus now turns to the Democrat controlled U.S. Senate. That chamber has a companion bill, S. 2090. That bill, with just 10 Senate cosponsors, faces an uphill battle.

Nevertheless, the action by the House today demonstrates that some lawmakers have heard the concerns of their constituents regarding the government-sponsored push towards electric vehicles.

**If you haven't already contacted your two U.S. Senators,**  
**[click here](#), and ask them to cosponsor S.2090.**





# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



## The Price of Apathy

by Mark Buckner

Executive Director, Motorcycle Riders Foundation

As patriotic Americans, we often talk about the price of freedom. We talk about the sacrifices required to protect our rights and about those who came before us, people of integrity who oftentimes gave everything they had in pursuit of an ideal; of a country and a way of life where our children and grandchildren can grow up proud to be Americans, unapologetically embracing a system of government that many other people in the world would love to have. We talk about our service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we are thankful to live in a country that allows us to live our lives as we please,

to enjoy the freedom provided by our Constitution, to be able to participate in what laws are passed and which ones aren't, and to teach our values to future generations.

In the motorcyclists' rights world, we also talk about guarding against undue government intrusion into our lives and warn against the influence of mainstream media propaganda aimed at tearing down some of our most basic and cherished beliefs. When you get right down to it, that's why the motorcyclists' rights movement exists. It's where we started and why we still fight for our rights at every turn. As past MRF President Karen Bolin once said, "We're in the freedom business."

Now consider the price of apathy, of seeing what's around us, knowing that some of what's happening is wrong, and doing nothing. Doing nothing, of course, is taking the easy way out. In many cases it's the old 'not in my backyard' philosophy of 'If it doesn't affect me directly, why should I worry about it?'

The challenges facing motorcycling today are among the most serious ever, and those challenges are – like it or not – in everyone's backyard. The MRF and our partners in state motorcyclists' rights organizations are fighting for the right to repair our own bikes, without being forced to have services that we could easily manage ourselves be performed by dealerships charging exorbitant rates. We're fighting to protect consumer choice through a strong aftermarket, ensuring that we have access to the vast number of options on parts the aftermarket gives us, parts that are many times better and cheaper than what we'd get from the OEMs. We're fighting to keep unsafe software being used in autonomous, self-driving cars and trucks from being tested on our nation's roadways and killing bikers in the process. We're fighting to keep our ability to buy fuel that won't destroy our engines, as will be the case if gasoline with 15% ethanol becomes our only choice. We're fighting to preserve internal combustion engines, rather than being forced to buy electric vehicles at a time when neither the battery technology nor a sufficient charging infrastructure to support such vehicles is in place. We're fighting to prevent unfair profiling of motorcycle riders. And the list goes on.

So, what price apathy? A riding public that chooses to ignore the threats to motorcycling while sitting idly by, expecting others to do the hard work of protecting our rights and our lifestyle, is arguably the biggest threat we face. Ask yourself: Should we, through our actions, control our own destiny? Forge our own futures? Or should we sit back, foolishly believing that the government knows best how we should run our lives and hoping for the best. There are roughly 8 million registered motorcyclists in America. If even a small percentage of that group were to join with the MRF and our partners in our mission to preserve motorcycling, imagine what we could do. Then imagine what will happen if the vast majority of those 8 million riders choose to do nothing.

Since 1987, there's only been one organization exclusively devoted to protecting the rights and lifestyle of street riding motorcyclists in the halls of Congress, and that's the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. To those of you who are already members of NHMRO and the MRF, thank you. You've already proven that you're committed to helping protect and preserve motorcycling. That said, we still need your help.

All of us have friends who are not members. **If you're not an MRF member, please help us by joining. If you're already a member, please renew your membership each year, and of equal importance, please sign up one of your friends as a new MRF member.**

The price of apathy is the loss of freedom, an open invitation to tyranny, and – without a strong MRF – could well be the end of motorcycling as we know it.

<https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/>



# **Don't Have A Truck? Haul Your Motorcycle With This...**

## **Joe Hauler Deluxe Cam-Loc Carrier**

Motorcycle carriers that mount to your vehicle's hitch can prove to be incredibly convenient for all manner of reasons. The biggest reason being that it will allow you to carry a motorcycle with a vehicle that could not otherwise. Maybe you're not willing to give up the convenience of your SUV just to haul a motorcycle now and then, or maybe you just like the idea of being able to stow the carrier when you're not using it. Maybe you hate trucks?

There is a wide range of hitch-mounted carriers on the market. You'll want to make sure you're buying one that is well-made, especially if you plan on putting a street bike's worth of heft on it. You'll also want to be sure your vehicle can withstand the weight of the carrier and motorcycle. Even the two-wheeler you plan to use it for should be considered. For example, scooters have a serious rear weight bias. If you get a carrier only rated for the weight of your scooter, and most of that weight is being held on one side, you're going have a bad time.

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ITEM	QTY	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
Beanie			\$ 20.00	
3" Patch			\$ 5.00	
5" Patch			\$ 8.00	
Magnet			\$ 2.00	
TUIT			\$ 1 / \$5	
Sticker			\$ 2.00	







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# BIKERS GIVING BACK

**Benefiting the  
Arlington Fire Dept.**

**Sunday, 11/19/23,  
1:00 pm**

Community Unity Bears (CUBs) need sponsors. CUBs are packaged/sealed for storage on fire trucks to comfort children when the need arises. Only \$10 to sponsor a CUB, including t-shirt & packaging.

Goal for 2023 is 1,000 CUBs.

## **SPONSOR A CUB FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN...**

Every CUB sponsored will receive an entry for a chance to win a basket filled with gift cards to local shops and restaurants, along with various other "goodies"

For more information  
call Bearpup (817)819-7146



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**Harvey J Pirie  
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Arlington 76001



**TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION**  
**State Membership**  
**ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION**

Texas Abate Confederation Membership Dues & Renewal Fees		
Membership Type	Donation	Duration
Individual Membership	\$20	12 Months
Couples Membership	\$30	12 Months
Life Membership	\$200	LIFE

*It doesn't matter  
where you're going;  
it's who  
you have beside you.*



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**Join  
Now**

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

**\$20**

YEAR Individual

**Q&A** ...What are the membership rewards ?

★ **FREE** ★

- ★ **Monthly Digital Newsletter**
- ★ **\$3000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance**
- ★ **Monthly Meetings**
- ★ **Discounts & Rewards at Events & Biker Related Establishments**

*A friendly entrance into the biker community*

**ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF  
MEMBERSHIP**



**Join the cause & become a member today !**



## TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

P.O. BOX 416.....Lake Dallas , TX 75065

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Add: (Name for Couple membership) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered TEXAS Voter? ☐ YES ☐ NO TEXAS State District #'s: SEN \_\_\_\_\_ REP \_\_\_\_\_

Is This A New Membership? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Sponsors Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsors Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer to be a Chapter member? ☐ YES Which Chapter ? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ NO I would like to be an independent member

## TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

### Annual Membership Fee

☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ Individual ☐ Couple ☐ 1 YEAR ☐ LIFE

☐ RENEWAL ☐ Change of Address Member # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SINGLE \$20.00 ☐ COUPLE \$30.00 ☐ LIFE \$200 Per Person

**CHECK or MONEY ORDER (NO CASH)**

Payable to: TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

### MAIL TO

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P.O. BOX 416

Lake Dallas, Texas 75065



ALL MEMBERS  
who have....  
October Birthdays





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Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Texas Voter? ☐ Y ☐ N Motorcycle Owner? ☐ Y ☐ N

Nearest ABATE Chapter

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ M.O.

Visa ☐ MC ☐ Discover ☐ exp. \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Payment received by: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Single - \$20 ☐ Family - \$30 ☐ Life (per person) - \$200.00

☐ New ☐ Renewal (member #)

**I'M WATCHING. ARE YOU?**  
**Keep an eye out for motorcycles.**

**Share the Road. The Way to Go.**  
**Transportation Safety - ODOT**





# MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



**Left turn**  
Arm and hand  
extending  
left, palm  
facing down



**Right turn**  
Arm out, bent  
at 90° angle,  
fist clenched.



**Stop**  
Arm extended  
straight down,  
palm facing  
back.



**Speed Up**  
Arm extended  
straight out,  
palm facing up,  
swing upward.



**Slow Down**  
Arm extended  
straight out, palm  
facing down,  
swing down to  
your side.



**Follow Me**  
Arm extended  
straight up  
from shoulder,  
palm forward.



**You Lead/Come**  
Arm extended  
upward 45°, palm  
forward pointing  
with index finger,  
swing in arc from  
back to front.



**Hazard in  
Roadway**  
On the left,  
point with left  
hand; on the  
right, point  
with right foot.



**Single File**  
Arm and index  
finger extended  
straight up.



**Double File**  
Arm with index  
and middle  
finger extended  
straight up.



**Comfort Stop**  
Forearm  
extended, fist  
clenched with  
short up and  
down motion.



**Refreshment  
Stop**  
Fingers  
closed, thumb  
to mouth.



**Turn Signal On**  
Open and close  
hand with  
fingers and  
thumb extended.



**Pull Off**  
Arm positioned  
as for right turn,  
forearm swung  
toward shoulder.



**Cops Ahead**  
Tap on top of  
helmet with  
open palm down.



**Fuel**  
Arm out to  
side pointing  
to tank with  
finger  
extended.





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**LIST YOUR  
BIKE HERE  
FREE**



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- Monitoring and influencing federal legislation for any impact on the motorcycling community at large
- Representing street motorcyclists by participating in federal research and advisory committees
- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burden some federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



### WHO WE ARE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

**JOIN THE MRF TODAY!**

**OUR RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS FEDERALLY DEPEND ON IT!**

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- ☐ Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
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- ☐ New
- ☐ Renewal
- Referred by \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Please Check if you are a US Citizen
- ☐ Check here to NOT receive Patches and Pins
- ☐ Check here to NOT receive MRF Email Alerts
- ☐ Check here to receive MRF Reports electronically (email)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>STATE BOARD MEETING</b>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Lake Cities CHAPTER Meeting 1PM	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Texoma CHAPTER Meeting 1PM  Arlington CHAPTER Meeting 12 Noon	23	24	25	26	27	28 Heart of Texas CHAPTER Meeting 11AM
29 Denton CHAPTER Meeting 4PM	30	31 				

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